

That which is claimed:

1. A method comprising:

obtaining from an index a search result associated with a search query, the search result comprising a first article identifier;

providing a content display comprising a second article identifier; and

determining whether to update the content display with the search result.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the first article identifier comprises a first relevancy measure, and the second article identifier comprises a second relevancy measure.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein determining whether to update the content display comprises comparing the first relevancy measure with the second relevancy measure.

4. The method of claim 3, further comprising updating the content display if the first relevancy measure exceeds the second relevancy measure.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the search query is a current search query and wherein determining whether to update the content display comprises comparing the current search query to a previous search query associated with the content display.

6. The method of claim 5, further comprising updating the content display if the difference between the current search query and the previous search query differs by more than a predetermined percentage or amount.
7. The method of claim 5, wherein comparing the current search query to a previous search query comprises determining whether each term in the current search query is also in the previous search query.
8. The method of claim 5, wherein comparing the current search query to a previous search query comprises determining the percentage of terms in the current search query that are also in the previous search query.
9. The method of claim 1, wherein determining whether to update the content display comprises comparing the first article identifier to the second article identifier.
10. The method of claim 9, further comprising updating the content display if the first article identifier and the second article identifier are different.
11. The method of claim 1, wherein determining whether to update the content display comprises monitoring a mouse pointer associated with the content display.
12. The method of claim 11, further comprising updating the content display if the mouse pointer is not active in the content display.

13. The method of claim 8, further comprising updating the content display if the mouse pointer is not approaching the content display.
14. The method of claim 1, further comprising updating the content display.
15. The method of claim 14, wherein updating the content display comprises replacing the first article identifier with the second article identifier.
16. The method of claim 14, wherein the first article identifier comprises a first plurality of article identifiers and the second article identifier comprises a second plurality of article identifiers and further comprising replacing the second plurality of article identifiers with the first plurality of article identifiers.
17. The method of claim 14, wherein the first article identifier comprises a first plurality of article identifiers and the second article identifier comprises a second plurality of article identifiers and further comprising merging the first plurality of article identifiers with the second plurality of article identifiers.
18. The method of claim 1, wherein the index comprises a global index.
19. The method of claim 1, wherein the index comprises a local index.

20. The method of claim 1, wherein the index comprises a global index and a local index.
21. A computer-readable medium on which is encoded program code, the program code comprising:
- program code for obtaining from an index a search result associated with a search query, the search result comprising a first article identifier;
 - program code for providing a content display comprising a second article identifier; and
 - program code for determining whether to update the content display with the search result.
22. The computer-readable medium of claim 21, wherein the first article identifier comprises a first relevancy measure, and the second article identifier comprises a second relevancy measure.
23. The computer-readable medium of claim 22, wherein program code for determining whether to update the content display comprises program code for comparing the first relevancy measure with the second relevancy measure.
24. The computer-readable medium of claim 23, further comprising program code for updating the content display if the first relevancy measure exceeds the second relevancy measure.

25. The computer-readable medium of claim 21, wherein the search query is a current search query and program code for determining whether to update the content display comprises program code for comparing the current search query to a previous search query associated with the content display.

26. The computer-readable medium of claim 21, further comprising updating the content display if the difference between the current search query and the previous search query is greater than a predetermined percentage or amount.

27. The computer-readable medium of claim 26, wherein program code for comparing the current search query to a previous search query comprises program code for determining whether each term in the current search query is also in the previous search query.

28. The computer-readable medium of claim 26, wherein program code for comparing the current search query to a previous search query comprises program code for determining the percentage of terms in the current search query that are also in the previous search query.

29. The computer-readable medium of claim 21, wherein program code for determining whether to update the content display comprises program code for comparing the first article identifier to the second article identifier.

30. The computer-readable medium of claim 21, further comprising program code for updating the content display if the first article identifier and the second article identifier are different.

31. The computer-readable medium of claim 21, wherein program code for determining whether to update the content display comprises program code for monitoring a cursor associated with the content display.

32. The computer-readable medium of claim 26, further comprising program code for updating the content display if the mouse pointer is not active in the content display.

33. The computer-readable medium of claim 26, further comprising program code for updating the content display if the mouse pointer is not approaching the content display.

34. The computer-readable medium of claim 21, further comprising program code for updating the content display.

35. The computer-readable medium of claim 34, wherein program code for updating the content display comprises program code for replacing the first article identifier with the second article identifier.

36. The computer-readable medium of claim 34, wherein the first article identifier comprises a first plurality of article identifiers and the second article identifier comprises a second plurality of article identifiers and further comprising program code for replacing the second plurality of article identifiers with the first plurality of article identifiers.

37. The computer-readable medium of claim 34, wherein the first article identifier comprises a first plurality of article identifiers and the second article identifier comprises a second plurality of article identifiers and further comprising program code for merging the first plurality of article identifiers with the second plurality of article identifiers.